Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

2930. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of names of telephone exchnages which are proposed to be modernised in Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu during the current plan period;

(b) the estimate number of telephones likely to be provided in each telephone exchange during the same period; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The details during the currrent year are as under:

Name of Exchange	Telephones likely to be provided
(1) Coimbatore (E 10B Main)	1600 Lines
(2) Ganapathy (RLU)	600 Lines
(3) Peelamedu (RLU)	1200 Lines
(4) Udumalpet	300 Lines
(5) Tiruppur	800 Lines
(6) Kinathukadavu	106 Lines
(7) Anamalai	68 Lines

(c) About Rs. 17.5 Crores.

Opening of Post Offices and Telephone Exchanges in Tamil Nadu

2931. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for opening of village. Post Offices and installation of new telephone exchanes in Tamil Nadu during the year 1991-92;

(b) whether the targets for the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 were fully achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A target of opening 55 extra-departmental branch post offices has been fixed for Tamil Nadu during the year 1991-92. No Targets are fixed for new telephone Exchanges. Targets are fixed for stiching capacity. However, new telephone exchanges are opened as and when the demand exceeds the minimum demand prescribed for opening of new telephone exchanges.

(b) to (d). Post Offices:

The target for opening of post offices was achieved partly for the year 1989-90 and fully for 1990-91. During 89-90 against a target of 70 branch Post Offrces only 4 branch post offices were opened. Among the reasons for non-fulfilment of target in regard to opening of post offices during 89-90 were some of the proposals not satisfying the norms laid down for opening of post office, time consuming procedure obtaining